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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 43 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-42-12

There will be a <u>48-hour</u> extension to the current commercial salmon fishing period from **9:00** p.m. Monday, August 6 to **9:00** p.m. Wednesday, August 8 in the following areas:

- The **Northwest Kodiak District** (except the Kizhuyak and Zachar Bay sections will close at 9:00 p.m. Monday August 6);
- The **Afognak District** (except Inner Kitoi, Outer Kitoi, Duck and Izhut Bay sections will remain closed);
- The **Northeast Kodiak District**; and
- In **Deadman Bay**, of the **Humpy-Deadman Section** of the **Alitak District** north of a latitude of Cape Hepburn (56° 57.5 N. lat); the remainder of the Humpy-Deadman Section will remain closed.

As Previously Announced:

The following areas are currently scheduled to close at 9:00 p.m. Monday, August 6:

- The Outer Karluk and Sturgeon sections of the Southwest Kodiak District;
- The Kizhuyak and Zachar Bay sections of the Northwest Kodiak District.

The following areas are currently scheduled to <u>close</u> at **9:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 8**:

- The Outer Kukak Bay, Hallo Bay, and Big River sections of the Mainland District.

Cost recovery fisheries are scheduled to begin in the Kitoi Bay Special Harvest Area (SHA) on August 3, 2012; and the Inner Kitoi, Outer Kitoi, Duck, and Izhut Bay sections of the Afognak

District will remain closed to common property fishing. Fishery opportunities in these areas will be dependent on the ability to meet KRAA cost recovery needs.

Closed waters are as shown on the Kodiak Area Salmon Statistical Chart and detailed in the Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations (5AAC 18.350).

Statistical Charts, Harvest Strategies, and Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations are available at the Kodiak Fish and Game office. Recent salmon fishery information may be obtained by calling the Department's 24-hour record-a-phone at 486-4559.